

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1 to 30 were rejected. Claims 1 to 35 are pending in the present application. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that claims 1-30 are allowed. Claims 31-35 stand rejected. Claim 31 has been amended to incorporate a feature of allowed claim 1. The amendment does not add new matter. Accordingly, no new search is believed to be required, and entry of the amendment after final is respectfully requested.

In view of the amendment and the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are in allowable condition. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application.

### **I. Rejection of Claims 31 and 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 31 and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over Harbaugh. Claim 31 has been amended to incorporate a feature of allowed claim 1. As amended, claim 31 recites in part:

the bulkhead configured to accommodate a variety of different ticket stacks sizes by being selectively mounted in one of a plurality of positions disposed generally parallel with a ticket dispensing path;

This feature is not found in the cited Harbaugh reference. Moreover, because this feature is already part of allowed claim 1, no new search is believed to be required. The amendment is believed to place claim 31 in condition for allowance, as this feature is neither disclosed nor suggested by any of the cited art of record. Accordingly, entry of the amendment after final and allowance of claim 31 is respectfully requested. Claim 33 depends from claim 31, and therefore should be allowable for at least similar reasons.

### **II. Rejection of Claims 32, 34, and 35 under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 32, 34 and 35 depend from claim 31, and therefore should be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 31.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited. The Office is authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment arising in connection with this paper to the Deposit Account of Kenyon & Kenyon LLP, No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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